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1. SUMMARY. U/SYG ANNAN CHAIRED TWO TROOP
CONTRIBUTOR MEETINGS ON 25 JUL: THE FIRST, AT THE
AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, WAS AT THE REQUEST OF THE USG
AND BROUGHT TOGETHER DEVELOPED NATIONS TO ADDRESS
UNAMIR'S CRITICAL TROOP AND EQUIPMENT SHORTFALLS. IN
ANNAN'S WORDS "TO PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER TO SOLVE
THIS DISASTER". THE UN PROVIDED AN ON-THE-GROUND VIEW
BY UNICEF, AND AN OPERATIONAL BRIEF BY UN MILAD.
FRANCE REITERATED THEY WILL LEAVE BY 21 AUGUST AND
THE AUSTRALIANS ANNOUNCED THEY WILL SEND A MEDICAL

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UNIT BY 22 AUGUST. AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH EMPHASIZED THE CURRENT US INVOLVEMENT IN THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS, AND OFFERED TWO APPROACHES THAT MEMBER STATES MAY USE IN MEETING UNAMIR REQUIREMENTS. THESE INCLUDED ADOPTING A CONTINGENT AND/OR SENDING A SPECIALIZED NATIONAL UNIT SUCH AS LOGISTICS AND MEDICAL SUPPORT. THE SECOND MEETING, HELD AT THE WORKING LEVEL, PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAIL. SUBSEQUENT AND EQUIPMENT TO UNAMIR. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN A MEETING ATTENDED BY AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, JAPAN, RUSSIA, AND THE US, U/SYG ANNAN OPENED BY STATING THAT ALTHOUGH UNAMIR'S MANDATE WILL REMAIN THE SAME, CHANGES IN THE SITUATION ON-THE-GROUND WILL REQUIRE A "SLIGHT ADJUSTMENT" IN UNAMIR'S MISSION. ANNAN STRESSED THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF PROTECTING PERSONNEL AND ENSURING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE REMAINED THE FOCUS OF THE MISSION BUT THAT UNAMIR WILL NOW HAVE TO HAVE A PRESENCE AT CROSSING POINTS, AND WILL CONCENTRATE ON

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STABILIZING THE SOUTHWEST SAFE ZONE AFTER THE FRENCH DEPART.

3. ANNAN THEN INTRODUCED MR JIM GRANT, UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION ON-THE-GROUND. GRANT SAID THE RPF IS WORKING HARD FOR NORMALCY (REOPENING HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS) AND IS WILLING TO WORK EXTENSIVELY WITH THE UN. HE OPINED THAT THE UN SHOULD USE KIGALI AS A MAIN LOGISTICAL CENTER FOR THE DISASTER. BECAUSE THE DISTANCE FROM KIGALI TO GOMA IS 3 1/2 HOURS BY ROAD, GRANT BELIEVED THIS WOULD SERVE AS A MORE EFFICIENT LOGISTICAL LINE THAN THE CURRENTLY USED SYSTEM OF STAGING IN NAIROBI AND THEN FLYING INTO GOMA. ACCORDING TO GRANT, THIS WOULD NOT ONLY RELIEVE THE PRESSURE FROM THE SATURATED GOMA AIRFIELD, BUT WILL DRAW REFUGEES BACK INTO RWANDA AS KIGALI ONCE AGAIN BECAME OPERATIONAL. HE CALLED FOR THE UN TO DEPLOY FORCES THROUGHOUT RWANDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. ON THE ISSUE OF DEPLOYMENT, UN MILAD BARIL BRIEFED THAT THE CONCEPT OF OPERATION HAD CHANGED TO REFLECT THE MOVE FROM "A KILLING TO A HUMANITARIAN SITUATION". HE SAID THE FORCE COMMANDER HAD

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READJUSTED HIS PLAN, BUT MAINTAINED THE SAME FORCE
LEVEL OF 5,500 TROOPS. BARIL SAID THE SUCCESS OF
UNAMIR WILL DEPEND ON CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT
THAT WILL DRAW THE REFUGEES BACK INTO RWANDA. HE
STATED HIS MAJOR CONCERN, AT THE MOMENT, WAS THE
REPLACEMENT OF THE THREE "HIGHLY TRAINED" FRENCH
UNITS DEPLOYED IN THE SAFE ZONE. IN ORDER FOR THE UN
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TO TAKE OVER FROM THESE UNITS, UNAMIR WILL REQUIRE
ONE MOTORIZED AND TWO MECHANIZED BATTALIONS. BARIL
CLOSED BY STRESSING THE CONTINUING NEED FOR APCs. HE
LATER ADDED THAT: 1) THE UN HAS REQUESTED NIGERIA TO
READY ITS TROOPS TO MOVE TO RWANDA, 2) THE REMAINDER
OF THE GHANAIANS SHOULD DEPLOY WITHIN 14 DAYS, AND 3)
BELGIUM HAS OFFERED TO HELP EQUIP THE MALAWI
CONTINGENT.

5. ANNAN THEN OPENED THE FLOOR WITH THE FOLLOWING
- - CANADA STATED IT WILL SOON SEND AN ADDITIONAL 25
TROOPS TO REPAIR AND REOPEN THE AIRPORT IN KIGALI.
IN A LATER MEETING, THE CANADIANS CONFIRMED THESE
INCLUDED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AND REPAIR SECTIONS.
THEY ALSO ADDED THAT THEY ARE SENDING 2 WATER
PURIFICATION UNITS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING DRINKING
WATER FOR 20,000 PEOPLE

- - FRANCE EMPHASIZED THAT THEY ARE PLANNING TO
DEPART RWANDA BY 21 AUGUST. THE AMBASSADOR STATED
THAT AT HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS BETWEEN THE RPF AND
FRENCH LEADERSHIP, THE RPF CONVEYED THAT THEY HAD NO
PROBLEMS WITH THE SENEGALESE STAYING UNDER UNAMIR

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AFTER THE FRENCH DEPARTED. THE FRENCH HAVE NOW BEEN
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TOLD BY THE UN FORCE COMMANDER THAT THE RPF HAS
REVERSED ITS POSITION. THE FRENCH REQUESTED
CLARIFICATION "AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME". DURING
THE LATER MEETING, THE FRENCH INDICATED THAT THE 2800
TROOPS CURRENTLY DEPLOYED CONSIST OF 2500 FRENCH, 240
SENEGALESE, 10 MAURITANIANS, 7 EGYPTIANS, 44
CHADIANS, AND SOON 40 EACH FROM NIGER, GUINEA-BISSAU,
AND THE CONGO. THE FRENCH SAID THE AFRICANS WILL
FORM THE OFFERED "FRANCOPHONE" BATTALION.

- - AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL SEND IN A

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MEDICAL UNIT OF 300 PERSONNEL AND AN ADDITIONAL 120 MAN SECURITY FORCE. THE SECURITY FORCE WILL BE TO GUARD THE HOSPITAL AND ESCORT MEDICAL CONVOYS. THE MEDICAL ADVANCE TEAM WILL DEPLOY 6 AUGUST AND BE FOLLOWED BY THE MAIN UNIT ON 22 AUGUST.

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6. AMBASSADOR INDERFURTH HIGHLIGHTED THAT THE US CURRENTLY HAS DISPATCHED 5000 TROOPS TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ASSISTING WITH THE CRISIS IN ZAIRE. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF REVITALIZING UNAMIR AND OUTLINED TWO POSSIBLE APPROACHES: THE FIRST WAS FOR DEVELOPED STATES TO ADOPT A CONTINGENT, AS THE US WAS CURRENTLY DOING WITH THE GHANIAN BATTALION. REFERRING TO THE UN PROVIDED LIST, HE HIGHLIGHTED THAT THE GHANIANS' REQUIREMENTS WERE PRACTICALLY MET AND FULL DEPLOYMENT SHOULD OCCUR SOON. HE ALSO NOTED THAT TWO OR MORE COUNTRIES COULD COOPERATE ON ADOPTING THE SAME CONTINGENT. MOVING TO THE SECOND APPROACH, INDERFURTH RECOMMENDED THAT MEMBER STATES COULD SEND SPECIALIZED NATIONAL UNITS TO FILL

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IDENTIFIED NEEDS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CANADIANS AND AUSTRALIANS HAD OPTED FOR THIS IN PROVIDING A COMMUNICATION SQUADRON AND A MEDICAL UNIT, RESPECTIVELY. INDERFURTH CLOSED STATING THAT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AROUND THE TABLE WERE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING MUCH MORE SUPPORT INCLUDING LOGISTICS, ENGINEERING, TRANSPORT AND QRF CAPABILITIES.

7. SUBSEQUENT TO THE 25 JUL MEETINGS, USUN RECEIVED A FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE UN TO CONTRIBUTE AIRLIFT FOR DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT TO UNAMIR (REFTEL USUN 03064), WITH TROOP REQUIREMENTS FROM MALAWI, ETHIOPIA, AND NIGERIA AND LIKELY SOURCES OF EQUIPMENT FROM SOUTH AFRICA, UK, NEW ZEALAND, AND AUSTRALIA. ALBRIGHT

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